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Applicant: Minoru MATSUDA et al. Conf.: 7407  
Appl. No.: 09/987,617 Group: 3748  
Filed: November 15, 2001 Examiner: Jaime W. CORRIGAN  
For: VALVE SYSTEM FOR OHV-TYPE FOUR-CYCLE  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated June 2, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-6; and

Species II, illustrated in Fig(s). 7-10.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig(s). 1-6 without traverse.

Claim(s) 1-6, 8-11, 13 and 14 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claim(s) 1 and 10 are generic.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Matthew T. Shanley (Reg. No. 47,074) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith is a Reply to Restriction/Election Requirement in the above-identified application.

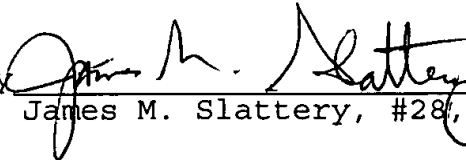
- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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